

Amendment in Response to Office Action Dated June 23, 2004

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~gasket for a pre-filled syringe~~, the syringe comprising a barrel pre-filled with a ~~into which liquid is charged, and a gasket,~~

wherein a peripheral side surface of the gasket that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel is provided with a restriction, and wherein a periphery of a bottom surface of the gasket that is not in contact with the liquid is formed into a tapered slant, and wherein one or both of the peripheral side surface that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel and a surface of the gasket that is in contact with the liquid is laminated with a polyethylene fluoride resin.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The pre-filled syringe ~~A gasket~~ according to claim 1, wherein the hardness of the gasket is 55 to 60 when the hardness is measured by a JIS hardness meter.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The pre-filled syringe ~~gasket~~ according to claim 1, wherein the tapered slant is defined by a first diameter extending to the peripheral side surface that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel, and a second diameter of a peripheral side surface of the gasket that is not in contact with the inner surface of the syringe barrel, wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 0.5 mm and about 5 mm.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The pre-filled syringe ~~gasket~~ according to claim 1, wherein the gasket has a diameter between peripheral side surfaces that are in contact with the inner surface of the syringe barrel of between about 30 mm and about 35 mm.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The pre-filled syringe gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket has a height of between 15 mm and about 18 mm.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The pre-filled syringe gasket according to claim 3, wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 1 mm and about 3 mm.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A ~~gasket for a~~ pre-filled syringe, the syringe comprising a barrel pre-filled with a ~~into which liquid is charged, and a gasket,~~

wherein a surface of the gasket that is in contact with the liquid is laminated with a polyethylene fluoride resin, and wherein a peripheral side surface of the gasket that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel is provided with a restriction, and wherein a periphery of a bottom surface of the gasket that is not in contact with the liquid is formed into a first tapered slant, and a second tapered slant is formed between the peripheral side surface of the gasket that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel and the restriction.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The pre-filled syringe gasket according to claims 1 or 9, wherein the gasket tightly closes the liquid pre-filled ~~charged~~ into the syringe, and wherein the liquid is a contrast medium.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The pre-filled syringe gasket according to claims 1 or 9 wherein the pre-filled syringe further comprises a luer-lure lock portion formed in a nozzle of the syringe at an end of the syringe barrel opposite the gasket.